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Czech Farmers Will Receive Support of USD 1.16 bln in Direct Payment

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Report Highlights:

Calendar year 2013 direct payments authorized for specific support payments and single area payments categories will total CZK 23.4 billion (US \$1.16 billion) for Czech farmers.

General Information:

Czech Minister of Agriculture, Miroslav Toman, approved national rates of separate payments for sugar (SSP), tomatoes (STP), and the article 68 payments for 2013. Farmers will receive total of 1.97 billion CZK (US \$ 97.7 million) in specific direct payments through the State Agricultural Intervention Fund.

| Payment | Rate CZK | Rate USD |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Separate Sugar Payment | 357.29 CZK/MT | \$17.7/MT |
| Separate Tomato Payment | 887.68 CZK/MT | \$44.0/MT |
| Potatoes for Starch Production Payment | 11,991.80 CZK/Ha | \$594.5/Ha |
| Hops Payment | 5,002.40 CZK/Ha | \$248.0/Ha |
| Meat Calf Payment | 11,649.50 CZK/Livestock Unit | \$577.6/ Livestock Unit |
| Ewe or Goat pastured on a grass land Payment | 1,861.30 CZK/Livestock Unit | \$92.3/ Livestock Unit |
| Cows with a Market Milk Production Payment | 1,504.20 CZK/Livestock Unit | \$74.6/ Livestock Unit |
| Cows without Market Milk Production Payment | 752.10 CZK/Livestock Unit | \$37.3/ Livestock Unit |

Definitions of the particular payments can be found in the <u>European Council Regulation (EC) No 73/2009</u> of 19 January 2009 establishing common rules for direct support schemes for farmers under the common agricultural policy and establishing certain support schemes for farmers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1290/2005, (EC) No 247/2006, (EC) No 378/2007 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1782/2003.

Single area payments (SAPS), which also belong to the group of direct payments, had been approved earlier this year. The total amount allocated reaches CZK 21.43 billion (\$1.06 billion), which will allow farmers to receive 6,068.88 CZK/Ha (\$301).